

Modern Utensils and Equipment Take Drudgery Out of Housewife's Work

Leno Osborne Describes Some of Labor-Saving Devices on Market

Her Advice to Housekeepers Is to Read all Articles on the Subject and Go "Looking Around" in the Stores Whenever Convenient—Lists Some of the Inventions of Last Few Years.

TO LENO OSBORNE, a well-known Tulsa housewife, it is a pleasure to tell you that the modern housewife has a lot to be thankful for. There are so many labor-saving devices on the market today that it is almost impossible to keep up with them. I am sure that you will find many of them useful in your own home.

One of the first things I noticed when I started housekeeping was the amount of time and effort required to do the housework. I was so busy that I had no time to do anything else. But now, with all the modern utensils and equipment, I can do the housework in a fraction of the time it used to take.

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- All phases of electric cleaners.
- Electric cookers.
- Steam pressure cookers.
- Double boilers.
- Baking dishes, especially glass.
- Food grinders.
- Automatic freezers.
- Tea carts.
- Floor brushes and mops.
- Long-handled dust pan.
- Garbage pails, (old raised by foot attachment).
- Special mixers of all kinds.
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So many of these have more uses than the special one assigned them. May I suggest that you study your equipment? See how many jobs you can make it perform.



One of the best strength savers—especially back savers—is the long-handled dust pan. Every home needs one, no difference how many kind of electric cleaners around. There is use for the broom and where the broom is used, dust must be lifted. Don't break your back bending over a short-handled dust pan, when long handled ones cost very little more.

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Study the possibilities of your double boiler—make it serve you as you would a well-paid helper.



The Casserole. Instead of a hot dish, it is a necessity. These contrivances are made of a ware that will stand a great amount of heat without cracking.

The Dishwasher. These dishes and utensils are made to be washed with different number of brushes or sponges so they are a real convenience when washed in the dishwasher. And here is where the dishwasher is a labor-saver. It takes only a few seconds to load and only a few minutes to wash. The dishes are washed in the dishwasher. The dishes are washed in the dishwasher. The dishes are washed in the dishwasher.

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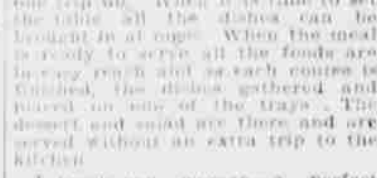


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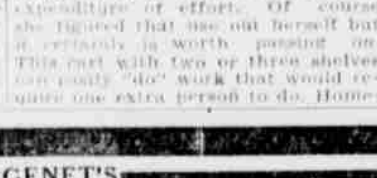
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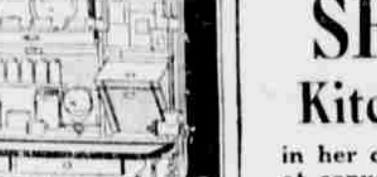
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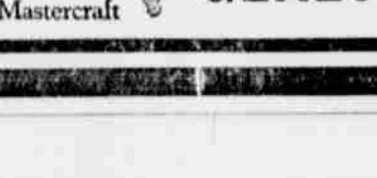
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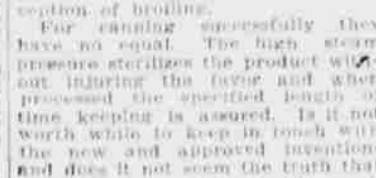
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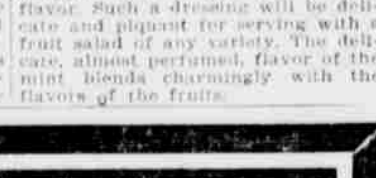
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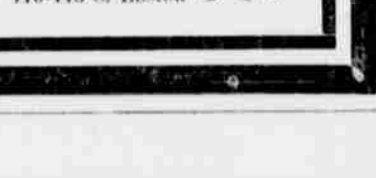
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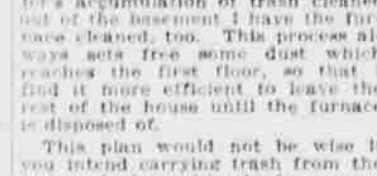


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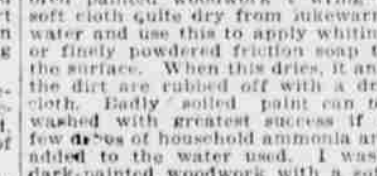
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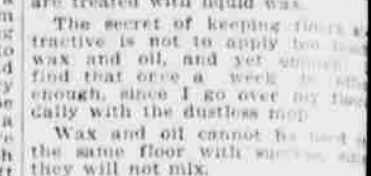
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In cleaning white or any light-colored painted woodwork I wring a soft cloth quite dry from lukewarm water and use this to apply whitening or finely powdered friction soap to the surface. When this dries, it and the dirt are rubbed off with a dry cloth. Badly soiled paint can be washed with greatest success if a few drops of household ammonia are added to the water used. I wash dark-painted woodwork with a soft cloth wrung from lukewarm water to which two tablespoonfuls of kerosene have been added to every quart of water.

Some Things You Ought to Know About Spring Housecleaning Task

NELL B. NICHOLS, in the Women's Home Companion, tells you how to do the housecleaning task. She says that the first thing you should do is to clean the windows. This is a very important task because it makes the house look brighter and cleaner. She also says that you should clean the floors and the walls. This is a very important task because it makes the house look cleaner and more comfortable.



When the windows are being washed, the glass over the pictures and the mirrors also is cleaned. I have two favorite methods of cleaning glass. The first, for warm weather when the water cannot freeze, consists of a few drops of household ammonia or one tablespoonful of washing powder dissolved first